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FORMER CIA DIRECTOR SAYS SOVIETS SUPPORTING REVOLUTIONS

NEW YORK (AP) - THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE CIA SAID SUNDAY THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS SUPPORTING REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD; THREATENING THE UNITED STATES AND ITS NEIGHBORS.

ADM. STANSFIELD TURNER SAID THE SOVIETS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE "INTERNATIONALIZATION" OF REVOLUTIONS THROUGH ITS CONNECTION WITH LIBYA; "A REAL TROUBLEMAKER;" AND SPONSORSHIP OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.

IN AN INTERVIEW ON THE CBS-TV "60 MINUTES" PROGRAM; TURNER SAID THE SOVIETS WERE HELPING THE LIBYANS "IN THE SUPPLY OR THE SALE OF EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT; FAR BEYOND WHAT THE LIBYANS CAN POSSIBLY USE ON THEIR OWN."

THE EXCESS; HE SAID; WAS FUNNELED THROUGH CUBA TO REVOLUTIONARIES IN NICARAGUA; EL SALVADOR; GUATAMALA AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

"THE CUBANS DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE MUCH OF ANYTHING TO ANYBODY;" SAID TURNER; CIA DIRECTOR UNDER PRESIDENT CARTER.

"THEY'RE GETTING THAT FROM THE LIBYANS; FROM THE SOVIETS; FROM OTHERS.

EXPANDING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM; HE SAID; WAS POSING A GREAT DANGER "TO OUR FRIENDS; THE MEXICANS TO THE NORTH; LET ALONE TO SOUTH AMERICA TO THE SOUTH."

BUT HE ADDED THAT SOVIET SPONSORSHIP OF TERRORISM WAS WORLDWIDE; INCLUDING "MOSLEM LIBERATION GROUPS IN THE PHILIPPINES."

"THEY'RE ALL OVER THE WORLD CAUSING DIFFICULTIES;" HE SAID OF THE SOVIETS.

TURNER; WHO HAD COME UNDER VIGOROUS ATTACK DURING HIS CIA YEARS PARTICULARLY FOR FAILING TO ACCURATELY ASSESS THE DEVELOPING SITUATION IN IRAN; WAS ASKED WHETHER THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION WAS CONTROLLED BY ANY OUTSIDE TERRORIST GROUP.

"VERY LITTLE OR NONE. I DON'T HAVE ANY INDICATION OF THAT;" TURNER REPLIED. "NOW THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THERE WEREN'T STUDENTS IN THERE WHO HAD BEEN TRAINED BY THE PLO OR BEEN THROUGH PLO CAMPS . . . IN THE COURSE OF THEIR LIFE."

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"BUT AS FAR AS DIRECTING AND HAVING A MAJOR INFLUENCE ON THAT, WE DON'T BELIEVE THE SOVIETS OR THE PLO DID," HE SAID.

TURNER DENIED THAT THE CIA POSITION IN 1977 WAS THAT "THE SHAH WILL BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN IRANIAN LIFE WELL INTO THE 1980s" AND THAT "IRAN IS NOT IN A REVOLUTIONARY OR EVEN A PRE-REVOLUTIONARY SITUATION."

HE SAID A HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE STUDY IN 1979 THAT CLAIMED THE CIA RELEASED A REPORT IN 1977 TAKING THAT POSITION WAS WRONG. IT WAS NOT A REPORT, BUT A DRAFT "WHICH NEVER SAW THE LIGHT OF DAY," HE SAID.

TURNER SAID HE PERSONALLY REJECTED THAT DRAFT AND THAT THE OFFICIAL CIA POSITION THEN WAS THAT "THERE WERE ALL KINDS OF OPPOSITION TO THE SHAH. SOME ON CULTURAL, SOME ON RELIGIOUS, SOME ON ECONOMICS, SOME ON POLITICAL GROUNDS.

"WHAT WE DID NOT PREDICT WAS THAT ALL OF THESE FORMS OF OPPOSITION WOULD COALESCE UNDER THE REGIS OF A 78-YEAR-OLD CLERIC (AYATOLLAH RUHOLLAH KHOMEINI) WHO HAD BEEN AN EXPATRIATE FOR 16 YEARS AND WOULD BECOME MORE THAN THE SHAH COULD HANDLE WHEN HE HAD LARGE MILITARY AND POLICE POWERS TO BACK HIM," TURNER SAID.

TURNER ALSO SAID THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE IT WAS "AN ISLAMIC STUDENT MOVEMENT" THAT TOOK OVER THE U.S. EMBASSY IN TEHRAN ON NOV. 4, 1979, AND RESULTED IN THE 444-DAY HOSTAGE CRISIS.

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